

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original) Gelling and/or thickening agent characterized in that it is formed from a combination of at least three constituents: a polyacrylamide and ammonium acrylate copolymer and/or anionic acrylic copolymer, phospholipids of plant origin, and a polyglyceryl acrylate.

Claim 2 (original) Gelling and/or thickening agent according to claim 1, characterized in that it contains a copolymer concentration ranging from 20 to 50% of the total weight of the agent, a phospholipid concentration ranging from 6 to 40% and a polyglyceryl acrylate concentration ranging from 5 to 40%.

Claim 3 (currently amended) Gelling and/or thickening agent according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, in which the copolymer is present at a concentration ranging from 50 to 80% in a dilute form in a hydrogenated polyisobutene containing from 40% to 60% of active material.

Claim 4 (currently amended) Gelling and/or thickening agent according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, in which the phospholipids are in the form of lecithins which are present in a concentration ranging from 10% to 40% of the total weight of the agent.

Claim 5 (original) Gelling and/or thickening agent according to claim 4 in which the lecithins contain less than 40% oil and more than 60% phospholipids.

Claim 6 (currently amended) Gelling and/or thickening agent according to ~~one of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ claim 1, in which the acrylic copolymer is a sodium acrylate/acryloyldimethyl taurate copolymer.

Claim 7 (currently amended) Gelling and/or thickening agent according to ~~one of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ claim 1, in which the polyglyceryl acylate is a stearate, a distearate or a linoleate.

Claim 8 (original) Gelling and/or thickening agent according to claim 7, in which the polyglyceryl acylate is a polyglyceryl-10 stearate.

Claim 9 (currently amended) Gelling and/or thickening agent according to ~~one of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ claim 1, constituted by the three constituents: polyacrylamide and/or ammonium acrylate copolymer or anionic acrylic copolymers, phospholipids of plant origin and polyglyceryl acrylate, these three constituents completing the agent to 100% by weight.

Claim 10 (currently amended) Aqueous, fluid or gelled composition, intended to be applied to the skin, mucous membranes or teguments, characterized in that it contains, as active ingredient, at least one gelling and/or thickening agent according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, in combination or in a mixture with one or more excipients or vehicles appropriate for cosmetic or dermatological use.

Claim 11 (currently amended) Cosmetic or dermatological composition according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it is produced in the form of an oil-in-water emulsion, with or

without additional emulsifying agent, said gelling and or thickening agent, in the form of a gel, being incorporated into the oil phase or into the aqueous phase of said compositions.

Claim 12 (currently amended) Cosmetic or dermatological composition according to ~~one of~~ ~~claims 10 and 11~~ claim 10 in which the average size of the particles in emulsion ranges from 1 to 11 μm .

Claim 13 (currently amended) Cosmetic or dermatological composition according to ~~one of~~ ~~claims 10 to 12~~ claim 10, in which the gelling and/or thickening agent is present in a concentration ranging from 0.05 to 10% of the total weight of the composition.

Claim 14 (currently amended) Cosmetic or dermatological composition according to ~~one of~~ ~~claims 10 to 13~~ claim 10, in which the gelling and/or thickening agent is present in a concentration ranging from 0.2 to 4%.

Claim 15 (currently amended) Cosmetic or dermatological composition according to ~~one of~~ ~~claims 10 to 14~~ claim 10, in which the vehicle is water or an aqueous vehicle, in a proportion ranging between 20 to 70%.

Claim 16 (currently amended) Use of the gelling and/or thickening agent according to ~~one of~~ ~~claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, as stabilizing and/or thickening agent in an emulsion with a cosmetic or dermatological character.

Claims 17-18 (cancelled)

Claim 19 (currently amended) ~~Process~~ A process for producing an oil-in-water emulsion ~~consisting of~~ comprising incorporating in the oil phase the gelling and/or thickening agent according to ~~one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, and adding an aqueous phase to the latter.